

8<sup>th</sup> - Maine Bobs -  
Beaufort, S. Carolina  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1863.

Dear Sister,

I found a letter  
from you a day or two ago  
which is unanswered - I did  
not know that I owed you  
a letter or I would have  
written before -

I suppose you  
are having sleigh rides now  
What have you got there now to  
sleigh ride with - Do you keep the  
old horse yet? - What is Fess doing  
now? And George and Herbert?  
It has been a long time since I  
have heard from them -

Fanny, I suppose employs most  
of her time in ~~in~~ scratching out



the frosty windows - Fass  
is in the cattle business isn't  
he? and George has as much  
as he can do to take care  
of the pigs while Fether feeds  
the chickens -

It has been two years  
since I have seen snow -  
so that I have almost forgotten  
~~almost~~ what is going in the  
winter season - We have had some  
very pleasant weather here this winter  
though on the whole it is much  
colder than last winter - But we  
have fire places to every bed and  
so get along very comfortably -

I am just as good fire  
as I would in a house -

It has been very stormy for  
the last week - rainy and windy.

You probably have heard  
of Oscar Fletcher's death before

this - I was on picket  
when he died -

Hoping soon to hear  
from you I will close  
E. True  
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